



ESTONIAN E-RESIDENCY

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E-RESIDENCY



e-Residency kit
Issued by the Estonian Police and Border Guard Board

ESTONIA VABARIIK
REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA

DIGITAAINE ISIKUTUNNISTUS
DIGITAL IDENTITY CARD

YOUR NAME HERE

KORTI VALMISTAMISE KUUPÄEV / DATE OF ISSUE

OMAJÄRGI NIMELINE / ACCOUNT NUMBER

ISIKUKOOD / PERSONAL CODE

AINULT ELEKTRONILISEKS KASUTAMISEKS
ELECTRONIC USE ONLY

E-RESIDENCY AND DIGI-ID



e-Resident's digi-ID:

- ❖ Government-issued digital identity
- ❖ Smart ID-card
- ❖ Electronic use only



E-RESIDENCY AND THE USE OF IT



- ❖ Qualified electronic signatures
- ❖ Secure two-factor authentication
- ❖ Encryption
- ❖ Establish company online
- ❖ Manage company online
- ❖ Online banking
- ❖ Online payment services
- ❖ e-services



E-RESIDENCY AND E-SERVICES



E-services provided by government:

- ❖ e-Business Register
- ❖ e-Financials
- ❖ e-Tax
- ❖ e-Prescription
- ❖ e-School



For an entrepreneur

- ▶ Official forms
- ▶ X-road
- ▶ Authorization
- ▶ Company and activity licence search
- ▶ Licences and registrations
- ▶ Taxes and customs
- ▶ National Defence
- ▶ Structural assistance information system
- ▶ Transport
- ▶ Labour environment
- ▶ Legal Aid
- ▶ Accounting and Reporting

E-RESIDENCY GOALS IN NUMBERS



Goal in 2014:

- ❖ 1,000,000 e-residents by year 2025

Goal for 2018:

- ❖ 2500 new companies established

Future goal:

- ❖ Quality of established companies













E-RESIDENCY NUMBERS



- ❖ 40 000 applications
- ❖ 37 000 e-Residents
- ❖ 156 countries
- ❖ 3000 new companies established by e-residents
- ❖ 5000 companies owned by e-residents



APPLICANTS BY COUNTRY			
	COUNTRY	APPLICANTS	%
-	Number of Countries	156	-
1	Finland	3,795	10.14%
2	Russia	2,302	6.15%
3	Ukraine	2,131	5.69%
4	United States of America	2,096	5.60%
5	Germany	1,993	5.32%
6	Great Britain	1,901	5.08%
7	Japan	1,595	4.26%
8	Italy	1,528	4.08%
9	China	1,480	3.95%
10	India	1,414	3.78%

NR OF E-RESIDENTS ESTABLISHED NEW COMPANIES BY COUNTRY				
	COUNTRY	E-RESIDENTS		
1.	Ukraine	423		
2.	Finland	315		
3.	Germany	311		
4.	Russia	294		
5.	France	188		
6.	United Kingdom (United Kingdom)	186		
7.	Italy	180		
8.	Turkey	153		
9.	India	127		
10.	United States of America	126		

E-RESIDENCY BENEFITS SO FAR



- ❖ Deloitte audit asserts ROI 1:100
- ❖ New active companies
- ❖ New segment of service providers
- ❖ World wide reputation
- ❖ Improved and new solutions for citizens



E-RESIDENCY AND THE ROLE OF POLICE



1. Issuance of e-resident's digi-ID

- ❖ Applying
- ❖ Conducting application proceedings
- ❖ Conducting security checks
- ❖ Producing the digi-ID
- ❖ Issuing the digi-ID

2. National supervision of the usage of digi-ID



Personal details (as stated on your travel document)

Given name(s) •

Surname(s) •

Country of birth •

Citizenship •

Earlier/other citizenships

Date of birth  •

Sex • Male Female

Earlier names and aliases

Personal identification code • Not applicable in my country of citizenship

Contact information

Country •

Street address •

City •

County

Postal code •

E-mail •

Confirm e-mail •

Telephone • 

Pick-up location  • 11

Identification details

Please note that you are required to collect your e-Residency digi-ID card in person from one of the Estonian foreign representations or the Police and Border Guard Board service points in Estonia. You will be required to present a valid travel document and give your fingerprints when collecting your e-Residency digi-ID card. Members of the Diplomatic corps accredited to Estonia will need to present their application in person in one of the service points in Estonia or in the Estonian foreign representation closest to them.

Type of travel document • Choose type... ▾


Document number •

Issuing authority •

Date of issue • Day ▾ Month ▾ Year ▾

Date of expiry • Day ▾ Month ▾ Year ▾

Issuing country • Select country... ▾

Upload photo •  Choose file
.jpg .jpeg .png .bmp .tiff, up to 1.3MB

Additional information

Enter a link to an online CV,
e.g. LinkedIn

Social Media accounts, e.g.
Facebook, Twitter,
KakaoStory, Naver etc

In case you have ever been
convicted in criminal offence,
please enter the information
about the crime(s) and the
country who determined it (for
example economic crime,
money laundry, ...)

Enterprises/business related
that you are connected to
(please enter the name and
registration number)

Bans or restrictions on
business related to you or your
enterprises/business



Reason for application

Main motivation •

Choose your main motivation for applying



Describe your main motivations to become an e-resident  •



To support your application you may upload additional documents.



Choose file

.jpg .jpeg .png .bmp .tiff .pdf, up to 1.3MB



E-RESIDENCY AND ISSUING



❖ **Pick-up locations:**

- ❖ 36 Estonian embassies
- ❖ PGBG service points in Estonia
- ❖ External service provider office

❖ **Issuing:**

- ❖ In person
- ❖ Face-to-face verification
- ❖ Capturing fingerprints



E-RESIDENCY AND THE RISKS



- ❖ **Lack of information**
- ❖ **Misuse of the card**
- ❖ **Lack of sufficiently rapid development**
 - ❖ Issuing process
 - ❖ Services offered
 - ❖ National legislation
 - ❖ International legislation and principles



E-RESIDENCY AND THE FUTURE



- ❖ **Security comes first**
 - ❖ Efficient security checks and monitoring
- ❖ **Speed, comfort, ease**
 - ❖ Fast process of application with the help of AI
 - ❖ Simplifying re-applying for a new digi-ID
 - ❖ Information about the proceeding stage
 - ❖ Expanding issuing locations
- ❖ **New services**



E-RESIDENCY – JUST A PROCESS



- ❖ Applying – simple, online, relevant data
- ❖ Processing application – semi-automized, speedy, efficient, e-mail
- ❖ Background checks – semi-automized, thorough
- ❖ Data exchange via X-road
- ❖ Issuing – secure, compliant, comfortable
- ❖ Monitoring – semi-automized, several institutions

The process can be implemented to meet different needs and goals!





Thank you!

